

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)	
)	Criminal Case No. 1:20-cr-16-01-LM
v.)	
)	
IDRISSA GASANA)	
_____)	

INDICTMENT

The Grand Jury charges:

At all times relevant to this indictment:

1. In and around April 2004, the United States government approved an application and granted refugee status to Idrissa Gasana. On or about April 6, 2004, Gasana entered the United States as a refugee.

2. On or about June 16, 2005, Gasana submitted an Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status, Form I-485, to United States Citizenship and Immigration Services of the Department of Homeland Security. His application was approved and Gasana's immigration status was adjusted from refugee to lawful permanent resident.

3. On or about August 10, 2009, Gasana submitted an Application for Naturalization, Form N-400, to the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services of the Department of Homeland Security. His application was approved and on or about February 19, 2010, in Concord, New Hampshire, Gasana took the citizenship oath and became a naturalized United States citizen.

4. Idrissa Gasana provided false and fraudulent information as to material facts in his Application for Naturalization, Form N-400.

5. At the time of his naturalization, Gasana was not lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence, pursuant to Title 8, United States Code, Section 1427, and Title 8, United States Code, Section 1182, in that Gasana gained entry to and refugee status in the United States by providing false and fraudulent information as to material facts in a Registration for Classification as a Refugee, Form I-590, Sworn Statement of Refugee Applying for Entry into the United States, and “Rwandan Questionnaire for Visa Applicants.”

6. At the time of his naturalization, Gasana was not lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence, pursuant to Title 8, United States Code, Section 1427, and Title 8, United States Code, Section 1182, in that he applied for and received status as a lawful permanent resident of the United States by providing false and fraudulent information as to material facts in an Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status, Form I-485.

7. At the time of his naturalization, Gasana was not lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence, pursuant to Title 8, United States Code, Section 1427, and Title 8, United States Code, Section 1182, in that he was an inadmissible alien who had engaged in conduct that is defined as “genocide” in Title 18, United States Code, Section 1091.

8. At the time of his naturalization, Gasana could not satisfy the requirements for naturalization, pursuant to Title 8, United States Code, Section 1427, in that he was not a person of “good moral character,” in that he provided false statements for the purpose of obtaining immigration benefits.

9. At the time of his naturalization, Gasana could not satisfy the requirements for naturalization, pursuant to Title 8, United States Code, Section 1427, in that he was not a person of “good moral character,” in that he had participated in genocide and in doing so committed numerous acts of violence, including murder, persecution, and theft.

10. At the time of his naturalization, Gasana, who did not satisfy the requirements for naturalization that are set forth in Title 8, United States Code, Section 1427, attempted to procure his own naturalization contrary to law, that is, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1001(a)(2) and (3), 1015(a), and 1546(a), he knowingly provided false and fraudulent information as to material facts on his Application for Naturalization, Form N-400, and in violation of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

COUNT ONE

[18 U.S.C. §1425(a) – Procurement of Citizenship or Naturalization Unlawfully]

11. Paragraphs 1 through 10 are re-alleged.

12. From on or about August 10, 2009, through February 19, 2010, in the District of New Hampshire and elsewhere, the defendant,

IDRISSA GASANA,

knowingly procured and attempted to procure his own naturalization contrary to law, that is, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1001(a)(2) and (3), 1015(a), and 1546(a), by knowingly providing false and fraudulent information as to material facts on his Application for Naturalization, Form N-400, and in violation of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

13. In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1425(a).

The Grand Jury further charges:

COUNT TWO

[18 U.S.C. §1425(b) – Procurement of Citizenship or Naturalization Unlawfully]

14. Paragraphs 1 through 10 are re-alleged.

15. From on or about August 10, 2009, through February 19, 2010, in the District of New Hampshire and elsewhere, the defendant,

IDRISSA GASANA,

who was not entitled to obtain naturalization for the reasons specified in paragraphs 4 through 10, knowingly procured, obtained, and applied for, and attempted to procure and obtain naturalization and citizenship for himself.

16. In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1425(b).

REVOCATION OF CITIZENSHIP

[8 U.S.C. § 1451(e)]

Upon conviction under either of Count One or Count Two above, Gasana's February 19, 2010 naturalization shall, by Court order, be revoked, set aside, and declared void, and Gasana's certificate of naturalization shall, by the same order, be canceled.

Pursuant to Title 8, United States Code, Section 1451(e).

A TRUE BILL

Dated: February 5, 2020

/s/ Foreperson
GRAND JURY FOREPERSON

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